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## CHANDLER MEANS FIGHT.

There is unquestionably a silver lining to the cloud that has been, and is still, gathering upon the horizon of the incoming administration. But, paradoxical as it may seem, that lining is not calculated to excite hope in the breasts of the trust known as the McKinley-Hanna Republican Combination (Limited), in contradistinction to the Republican party in general, and several minor Republican combinations in particular.

The St. Louis platform threw a sop to the silver Republicans, but no sooner had McKinley's election been assured than it became obvious that his managers had not the slightest idea of keeping faith with that element. The tariff was forced to the front, to the exclusion of all other questions; and there was an evident purpose on the part of the combination, limited, to ignore the currency problem in its entirety, except to the extent of tacitly agreeing upon no change.

But the silver issue in the Republican party would not down. Just when rejoicing and merry-making were at their height at Canton, it stalked in like a skeleton at a feast, and it has been haunting the President-elect ever since.

Tuesday, however, the issue came up in more material form, so to speak, than ever before—that is, in a most remarkable and significant speech in the Senate by Senator Chandler. Mr. Chandler's remarks were in advocacy of a resolution submitted by him on the 2d of this month, and which is as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard; and that the efforts of the government in all its branches should be steadily directed to secure and maintain the use of silver, as well as gold, as standard money, with the free coinage of both, under systems which seem to be established through international agreement, or with such safeguards of legislation as will ensure the parity in value of the two metals at a fixed ratio, furnish a sufficient volume of metallic money, and give immunity to the world of trade from violent fluctuations in exchange.

The speech was remarkable for the array of facts and valuable and interesting statistics it presented, and significant in that, coming from such a source, it is evidence of a strong and growing sentiment in the Republican party in favor of silver or bimetalism. However widely we may, as a general rule, differ with Mr. Chandler, and however we may be disposed to challenge the soundness of some of the deductions he made Tuesday, a careful reading of the speech carries the conclusion that he was sincere. From McKinley and Sherman down he did not spare the leading Republicans who have forgotten their love, and in the following declaration he charged them, by implication, with breaking faith with a large element of their party and with the people:

"The Republican bimetalists saved the election of McKinley and Hobart. It would not have been carried if the Republican party had adopted the gold plank similar to that of the Indianapolis convention. While pronouncing against immediate free coinage of silver without an international agreement, the Republican party declared, by adding concerning bimetalism six potent words, 'which we pledge ourselves to promote,' that it would equally oppose a permanent acquiescence in gold monometallism. This party, therefore, stands recognizing the evil consequences which have come from the reduction of the values of the world's property, proclaiming that the cause is the demonization of silver, and declaring that the remedy is the re-establishment of bimetalism. The great political question of the future, therefore, is, Shall this pledge be kept?"

We see in Mr. Chandler's speech no evidence of subterfuge for the purpose of gaining time for the new administration, such as was apparent in the Wolcott mission and the last revolution providing for an international bimetallic convention. On the contrary, it would appear that the New Hampshire Senator, feeling assured that he is backed by a big Republican bimetallic, or silver, contingent, means war on the McKinley-Hanna combination, limited. So note it be.

Some of the New York papers have no hesitation in saying that Mr. W. P. F. St. John died of a broken heart. For ten years prior to the last presidential campaign he had been a free-silver man, but probably it never occurred to him that his position on that question would subject him to persecution; but so it was. He was forced out of the presidency of the Mercantile National Bank and treated as an enemy to the country. After this he went through the disagreeable and unsatisfactory work of acting as treasurer of the Democratic Campaign Committee. As long as the contest continued he got along well enough, but after the defeat of Bryan, he began to languish. Not many days ago he had an appetite. He attacked, and on Sunday night he died. He had made great sacrifices for opinion's sake, and, being exceedingly delicate in health, he was crushed by our party's defeat and his own losses.

## CONSUMPTION AND INSPECTION.

It would seem from the annual report of the State Board of Health of New York that the inspection of milk in the cities of that State has largely reduced the death-rate from consumption. This, the board holds, is the result of refusing to allow the sale of milk from herds that are affected with tuberculosis. The board therefore expects the Legislature at this session to make a suitable appropriation for the prosecution of its work of inspection and condemnation.

Richmond is far behind most of the cities of this country in the inspection of meats and milk. Both of these things demand our attention, but we have done more to guard the public against unsafe milk than against unsafe meat.

Whoever makes use of his eyes when droves of cows, sheep, or hogs are going through this city from the depots to the slaughter-pens must know that many such animals come here unfit to be eaten by human beings.

If any evidence on this subject be needed it may be obtained from citizens who live on the routes along which these cattle are usually driven. These people are bound to testify that many of the animals reach Richmond in a wretched condition. So weak and sick are some of these animals it not infrequently happens that they die in their tracks. Only a few weeks ago a dead hog lay all day, Sunday, in the roadway on Foushee street between Main and Cary. The presence of this dead hog where it was, and on Sunday, when so many people were passing to and from church, forced people to think what might have become of that hog if he had reached the cattle-pens alive.

For our part, we are well satisfied that a sick hog would not be intentionally butchered for our markets. But the trouble is that sick cows or hogs may be butchered through ignorance or carelessness. For this reason it is necessary that there should be an expert inspector here. Objection will doubtless be made that one inspector would not be able to inspect every animal that is intended for slaughter in this market. And no doubt this would be true, but the inspector could exert an influence far beyond his personal presence. And he could at least inspect the animals upon their arrival at the depots here. If he did no more than separate the sick from the well, he would be of vast service.

So we need an inspector here, not only to look out for milk cows and heaves affected with tuberculosis, but to look out for all sorts of sick animals intended for slaughter and prevent them from being butchered. Doubtless there is also need for the inspection of meat when it is exposed for sale upon the stalls at the markets and upon the blocks at the green groceries; but we shall be content to make progress gradually—but we wish to make progress.

## LAD UPON THE TABLE.

In many respects political conditions in Alabama are similar to those in Virginia. For two years there has been a strong sentiment there in favor of having a convention to amend the State Constitution, and upon the assembling of the Legislature recently a bill was introduced ordering a vote of the people as to whether a convention should be held or not.

This bill, or resolution, passed the House by a small majority, but when it came up in the Senate day before yesterday it was laid upon the table by a vote of 18 to 11.

This ends the agitation, so far as the present Legislature is concerned. It is believed in Alabama that this is not a good time to enter upon the work of constitution-making. The same opinion prevails in Virginia, and, if we mistake not, our voters will go to the polls on the 27th of May and lay the convention question on the table, as it were, by a very decided majority.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska on Tuesday rendered an opinion in the suit of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan and others against Elmer B. Stephenson, in which the judgment of the lower court was affirmed. This was a case where the proposition to issue "gold" bonds by the Lincoln Council was antagonized because the proposition as submitted to the voters did not contain any authority for the Council to insert the gold cause. Bryan and other citizens made a test-case, and asked to have the issue of the bonds with the "payable-in-gold" clause enjoined.

The order was granted in the District Court, and Stephens, the broker negotiating the sale of the bonds, brought the case to the Superior Court. The highest court has now reaffirmed the decision of the District Court. The amount of the bonds to be refunded is \$34,000. The court did not pass directly on the validity of gold-bonds, but merely on the technical features of the election at which the refunding bonds were voted.

The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph says:

"That in union there is strength, the business-men of this city have more than once realized. Organized effort will accomplish great things, when separate action, no matter how energetic, will frequently bear but little fruit. Philadelphia needs, above all things, concentration of ideas and force.

This might be profitably taken to heart in our city. What Philadelphia needs, Richmond needs also. We have concentration of ideas and force in our Chamber of Commerce, but not enough of either. Nor will we ever have until the membership is in numbers what the president of the Chamber says it ought to be, and what there is abundance of material in the business interests of the community to make it.

A late case of a man's biting his nose off to spite his face is reported from Kentucky. Charles Burton carries the mail daily, except Sunday, between two towns twenty miles apart, receiving for this the munificent reward of 1 cent a year. It is necessary for him to travel forty miles a day, or 12,000 miles during the year. The worst part about the business is that Mr. Burton has the con-

tract for four years at the same rate. The cause of the remarkably low price for the contract is that Burton was determined to have the route over an enemy, who was also a bidder.

The putting up of telegraph and telephone-poles goes on in Richmond almost unintermittently. We venture to say that no city in this country is more disfigured than ours is by these unsightly objects. Is it always to be so? Are we never to have underground wires here? If so, when? If we are not, Richmond may as well content herself to be called an ugly city instead of a beautiful city, as of old.

In the granting of future franchises by our City Council, positive conditions should be made with the companies to bury their wires, in the central part of our city, at least.

The papers throughout the country generally have kind words for the late John Randolph Tucker, and none fail to recognize his ability and versatility. The Brooklyn Standard, in noting his sense of humor and his powers of mimicry, says Mr. Tucker could "play all the parts of a comedy without getting out of his chair. His imitation of old Zach. Chandler as a witness when he was not disposed to be communicative would have made old Zach himself roll and roar with delight."

## An Amendment Needed.

Boynton, Va., February 11, 1897.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

The Legislature for a number of years has been greatly concerned, and properly so, about reducing the criminal expenses of the State of Virginia. With a view of accomplishing that object a number of amendments and changes of the criminal law have recently been made, among them the amendment of section 496, Code of Virginia of 1887. Under that section, as it now stands, the justices of the peace have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all misdemeanors occurring within their jurisdiction (Acts 1885-86, page 529), with the right of appeal to county court in case of conviction. This change is saving, and will continue to save, the State large expense, as is already noticeable in this county. All this is good, for there is no reason why a justice should not try all misdemeanors cases, the prisoner having in all cases a right of appeal and a trial de novo before a jury in the county court. The only complaint I have heard of the law as it now stands is that it is difficult to inaugurate many prosecutions for misdemeanors before the justices, such as for gaming, sale of whiskey without a license, presenting overtures of roads, and a number of other misdemeanors I could mention. All of this can be remedied without additional expense to the State by so amending the grand jury law as to give to the county courts and grand juries jurisdiction to investigate and make presentments of misdemeanors, and when a presentment is so made require the court to certify a copy of such presentment, with names of witnesses, to a justice of the peace for trial.

Another change that will reduce the criminal expense greatly is to require each city and county to defray its own criminal expenses. I believe that change alone will reduce criminal expenses through the State at least \$50,000 per annum. This I say after having been officially connected with the matter of criminal expenses for eleven years in one of the most important of the State, and after much reflection on the subject.

W. E. HORNES.

## Be Careful.

(Big Stone Gap Post.)

We desire to call attention a second time to a few flagrant errors in the use of our language, and especially to warn our young teachers against such expressions. They often make an unfavorable impression in regard to the education of the one using them, that is not wholly deserved, yet may be injurious to him, by lowering the estimation in which his scholarship is held. Once before we called attention to the soul-vexing frequency with which so many people use (or misuse) the "perfect parties" of the verb "to see" and "take," for their "past-tense" forms.

The young man, just returned from Big Stone Gap, tells me that he "taken" supper at the Intermont; then went out to church, where he "saw" a beautiful young lady, and "taken" her to the opera. He "taken" a copy of the "Star" for years, and who said he was coming up to Gladville to visit "you" and "I" before leaving the county. The preacher tells us that Jesus "taken" Peter, James, and John, and went up into a high mountain, and was transfigured before them. He also calls our attention to the important fact that Christ "taken" not on Him the nature of angels; but "taken" on Him the seed of Abraham, that He might die for "you" and "I."

A teacher in one of our high schools tells me that he "seen" the county superintendent last week, and that they "taken" dinner together, and that the superintendent desired to organize and keep up a monthly meeting of the teachers of our county, and he adds, that he thinks this would be very profitable for "you" and for "I," and for all the teachers.

Let us all remember that the past-tense form of "see" is "saw," and that of "take" is "took." The perfect participles, "seen" and "taken" must only be used after the forms of the auxiliaries "have" and "be." Be careful not to use them to express "indefinite past time."

The above examples also illustrate the wrong use of the pronoun "I" as the object of a proposition or a verb. Any school-teacher says: "Nominative, I; possessive, my; objective, me." Why not remember this when we talk? But, enough for one lesson.

## Excelsior.

(Chicago Evening Post.)

"Well, what's your kick now?" asked the manager, as the sous-chefette entered his office.

"Six feet, nine inches," she replied promptly.

"Consider yourself engaged for my summer extravaganza," he returned quickly. "That's two inches better than last year."

## Trying Something Loud.

(Indianapolis Journal.)

"We have called," said the chairman of the syncretism committee, "for an explanation of your wearing that plaid necktie in the pulpit last Sabbath morning."

"It was the only way I could think of," said the meek minister, "to keep the congregation awake."

## Doctors' Waxes.

(Fillegende Blätter.)

"But, my dear sir, you must positively follow my directions. You must take an ice-cold bath every morning."

"Why, doctor, that's just what I am doing."

"Oh—er—well, then, you must stop it."

## The Rector's Daughter.

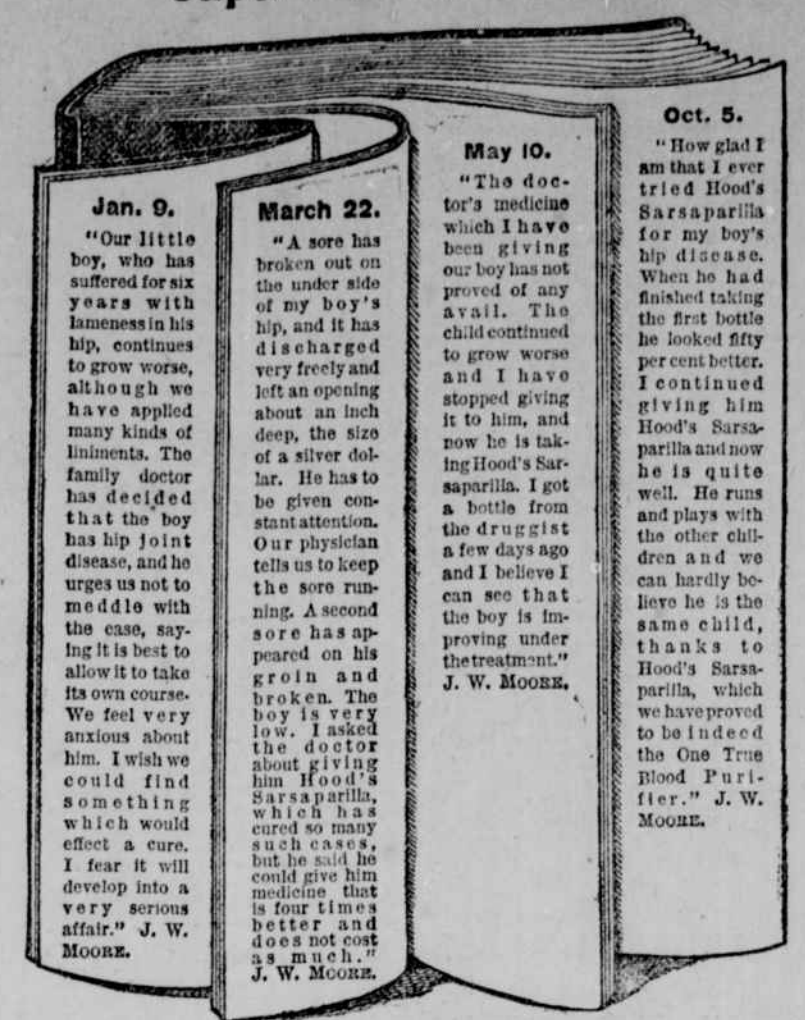
(Puck.)

Tripping softly down the aisle, Wore a brave, religious air, And a sinful little smile. Comes the rector's daughter. Kneels she in the family pew. Bends her pretty head in prayer, As her father tells her to. And her mother taught her.

Eyes and hair as black as night, Cheeks and lips like roses. Little teeth, all new and white, Has the rector's daughter; Form as frail as a cyclamen, Finest of noses.

Who shall blame the many men That have vainly sought her? Sings she with a hundred charms, Holy hymns and olden. Just as though an angel's arms, Her consent, had caught her. Yet these ways of sanctity One small soul embolden— For to-day she walks as free. Did the rector's daughter.

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